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5. Before 1950, any student who had not served in the Army was called up at the age of 26. Since 1950 university students are not called up; instead they receive their military training under the instruction of high Army officers. Beginning with the first year, six to eight hours per week are set aside for this purpose, and practical training is given during vacations. Women students also receive military instruction, and a girl in the Geography Section is said to have stated that she could handle a field gun. After graduation students are not called up for further service, but they receive commissions as Reserve Officers.
6. The Polytechnic Institute has a chemical laboratory, and a laboratory for water tests is being set up, but is not yet being used because of a lack of equipment. Students of the Building Department use the facilities of the Government laboratory (located opposite the Railroad station on Uitsa Georgi Dimitrov) for testing building materials. This laboratory has modern German equipment, including steel cutters, rolling machines, and presses to test concrete blocks.

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